



## November 19, 2023

# Isaiah's Vineyard Song

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### OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

*"The Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before him!"* Habakkuk 2:20

Prelude  
Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Isaiah 5 and Psalm 80)\*

L: Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

All: But the vines grew wild,  
the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

L: What happened in that place of promise?

All: People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.  
They chose their own ways and failed.

L: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune,  
and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

All: Let us open our hearts to God,  
trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VT 98  
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

### TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Let Justice Flow Down* VT 791

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-9; Mark 12:1-3*

Children's Time

HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* VT 740

Sermon

Music for Meditation

## SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Generosity Moment – *Care Portal*

Announcements

## LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *How Can We Be Silent* VT 790

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya. If you do not have a home connection to the internet and would like to receive a printed copy of our weekly newsletter, let the church office know.

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\*Call to Worship: from the *Worship Connection* page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

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Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds  
Children's Time: Ama Reimer  
Scripture Reader: Jennalee Boggs  
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger  
Generosity Moment: Russ Gaeddert

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# Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

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The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts, minds and lives, and our prayers for peace around the world.

*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary or on our website.*

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### Advent 2023: How Does a Weary World Rejoice?



Created by *A Sanctified Art*, this series explores the stories in the opening chapters of the Gospel of Luke of ordinary people experiencing the full scope of human emotions: isolation, fear, disbelief, as well as connection, trust and joy. The Christmas season is often an emotionally-charged time when we feel many things deeply, sometimes creating emotional dissonance in the midst of joy-filled carols and festivities. This series will guide us **“to acknowledge the weariness of our world while also seeking real and daily moments of joy. We need to remember that all of life can be a prayer.”** Each week we’ll explore a scripture inspired answer to the question: **“How Does a Weary World Rejoice?”** Copies of a devotional

booklet and Advent calendars to support your Advent journey are available in the foyer, or sign up to receive them electronically.

**TODAY:** *Fellowship time in Common Grounds* following worship.

**11:00am Sunday School** for all ages.

**Noon: fundraiser lunch** for Mennonite Central Committee’s Palestine & Israel response (*prepared by FMC Senior Youth and Sponsors*)

**Happy Thanksgiving!!** The church office will be closed on Thursday.

**Silent Auction Items!** Bring your donated items to be auctioned off in the Sr Youth Silent Auction to the church basement by 8:45am on Sunday Dec 3. Items brought to church before Nov 25 can be put in the Associate Pastor office. After Nov 25, take your items directly to the basement. Thank you!!

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- **November 25 – 11:00am** Eunice Esau Celebration of Life  
(livestream link on our website)  
FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen afternoon/evening
- **December 3 – Advent begins, with Christmas Tree** decorating  
**Silent Auction Fundraiser** (9-9:30am; 10:30-11:00; 12-12:45)  
**NOON Fundraiser Lunch** provided by Senior Youth  
**12:45pm Annual Meeting** for all (childcare provided)
- **December 21 – 6:00pm** Longest Night Service (also livestreamed)  
**6:45pm** Soup Supper  
**7:30pm** (approx) Christmas Caroling  
(*bring desserts/snacks to share afterwards!*)
- **December 24 – 9:30am** Sunday morning worship;  
**7pm** Christmas Eve worship with a simple children’s program, candle lighting and more (*bring finger foods to share after the service*)



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